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INTERVIEW AGENDA

FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to discuss at least the issues discussed below during a telephonic Examiner interview scheduled for a time to be determined with Examiner Zhang and Supervisor Arani.

In regards to claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23, 25-33 and 35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the published document “Web Services Addressing” authored by Bosworth et al. (Bosworth), Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner appears to have mistakenly rejected the claims under 102(b) instead of 102(a). The patent application was filed on March 15, 2004 and the Bosworth cited reference was published on March 13, 2003. March 13, 2004 was a Saturday and the MPEP states in Section 706.02(a).II.A. that “where the last day of the year dated from the date of publication falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, the publication is not a statutory bar under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) if the application was filed on the next succeeding business day.” Consequently, the rejection should be a 102(a) rejection instead of a 102(b) rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be changed to a 35 U.S.C. §102(a) rejection.

Furthermore, Applicant intends to file a Section 131 Affidavit to swear behind the cited reference (Conversely, Applicant may choose to file a or Section 132 Affidavit to eliminate the reference as prior art). Applicant is currently locating information for drafting the Affidavit.

Applicant thanks Examiner Zhang and Supervisor Arani for agreeing to review the agenda in anticipation of the afore-mentioned impending interview. Again, Applicant submits this paper for discussion purposes only.

Respectfully Submitted,

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